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Rehabilitation Work Begins on Interstate 5 Near Black Butte

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) began rehabilitation of highway pavement on Interstate 5 northbound lanes from just north of the Lassen Lane Overcrossing in Mt. Shasta to just south of the South Weed Undercrossing. A four-inch asphalt concrete overlay will be applied and shoulders will be widened at multiple locations. The northbound North Mount Shasta onramp will be reconstructed. Limited work will occur in the southbound slow lane. The job includes shoulder widening, upgrade of onramp lighting, drainage, replacement of guard railing, roadside signs and weed barrier. Project costs are currently estimated at \$14 million. The contractor is J.F. Shea, Inc. of Redding.

Completion of this phase of the project is anticipated in November. Work will take place between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday; weekend and night work may be possible. Expect short delays as traffic will be reduced to one lane in the work area. Ramp closures with detours will be available.

Traffic will be controlled with changeable message signs, stage construction, traffic surveillance, and temporary lane closures. The California Highway Patrol will be on site.

Black Butte Rehabilitation -- Phase B, scheduled for 2008, will include finishing the roadwork on the southbound lanes and bridge work both northbound and southbound.

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